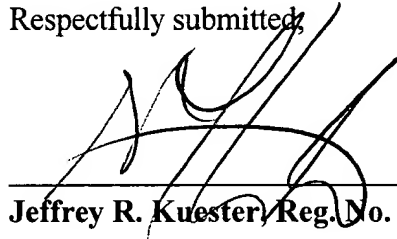


REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office action of January 26, 2005. The Examiner has required Applicant to elect to prosecute one of two groups of claims identified in the Office Action. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the claims of Group 2, corresponding to claims 1-4, 9-20, 22-23, and 28-30, without traverse.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to present the non-elected claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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